

CASE.
SENATOR MASON GONE SOUTH.
Many Anxious Inquiries in Decatur Saturday Night—Same in Chicago.
The serious illness of Senator W. E. Mason telegraphed from Chicago to the Republican Saturday afternoon, caused much anxiety in Decatur Saturday evening until a late hour. The telephone bell was kept ringing steadily until after 9 o'clock. The story had got out some way that Mason was dead, and political and personal friends were anxious to learn the facts. The Republican had reliable information to the effect that the senator had experienced a fainting spell at his home and that he had left Chicago at 4 o'clock, with members of his family, on a recuperating trip in the south. He took the Illinois Central train bound for Florida where he will remain for several weeks. In Chicago, even after Mr. Mason and his party had left, the story was about that somewhere south on the train Mason had died. The story was contradicted in special telegrams sent from Birmingham and Centralia to the Chicago papers Saturday night. At Centralia Mr. Mason was sitting in the smoking department of the coach spinning yarns and feeling good.

Two Were Fined.
Thomas Pryde, a boy who was arrested for jumping on a train, was brought before Justice Hardy today and fined \$3 and costs.
W. S. Griggshy, the man who raised a disturbance in the Wabash trainmaster's office Saturday night was fined \$3 and costs by Justice Hardy today. Saturday night he attempted to clean out the trainmaster's office and was arrested.

Sales of Real Estate.
Thomas F. Wheeler et al to Thomas Elgin, 10 acres in the form of a square in the northeast quarter of section 8, 16, 3 north, \$275.
Robert Mueller and Adolph Mueller to Wilbur Humphrey, south half of lot 1 in block 3 of H. Robinson's addition, \$1000.
Albert G. Weber to B. B. Tuttle and Edwin D. Carter, tract of land in 13, 16, 2 east, 16x12x13 1-3 feet, \$2500.

Out for Town Clerk.
Arthur F. Evans, who was a candidate last spring against H. C. Wallace for town clerk, and gave him a close rub for the nomination, is announced today as a candidate for town clerk, subject to the action of the Republican convention. Mr. Evans is a young man, active and energetic, and if nominated will do his part toward getting out the voters.

The choir chapter of St. John's church will have a musical entertainment on Tuesday evening, the 16th, at 7:30 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. A. T. Summers, 706 West William street. An interesting program, and refreshments will be afforded to all who will attend.

Rehearsal tonight of the home minstrels at Mrs. Harwood's. A full attendance is desired.

MARKETS.

CHICAGO, ILL., Feb. 15, 1897.

THE MERCANTILE is indebted to E. Z. Taylor, dealer in grain, provisions and stocks, with correspondents in Chicago, New York, Minneapolis and St. Louis for the following market quotations

	Open- ing.	High- est.	Low- est.	Close- ing.
Wheat—				
February.				74 1/2
May.	75 1/2	75 3/4	74 1/2	75 1/2
July.	71 1/2	71 3/4	70 1/2	71 1/2
February.				21 1/2
May.	23 1/2	24	22 1/2	23 1/2
July.	24 1/2	25 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2
February.				15 1/2
May.	17 1/2	17 3/4	16 1/2	17 1/2
July.	18 1/2	18 3/4	17 1/2	18 1/2
Port—				
February.				8.00
May.	7.90	8.07 1/2	7.90	8.00
July.				
February.				4.00
May.	3.95	4.00	3.92 1/2	4.00
July.				
February.				4.12 1/2
May.	4.07 1/2	4.15	4.05	4.12 1/2
July.				
May wheat: put, 74 1/2c; call, 77 1/2c; curb, 75 1/2c.				
TO-DAY'S RECEIPTS—CASH COTTS.				
Wheat—16. Estimated, 28. Year ago, 124.				
Corn—341. Estimated, 860. Year ago, 338.				
Oats—775. Estimated, 535. Year ago, 220.				
RECEIPTS FOR TO-MORROW.				
Wheat, 40; Corn, 538; Oats, 570.				
hog receipts 33,600; estimated, 38,000. Mar-				
ket receipts 10,000; estimated, 12,000.				

"SCAT" TO A LION.

The Big Beast Is Only an Overgrown Cat After All.

Run Away Like a Scared Cat—Curious Adventure of an English Army Officer—A Most Embarrassing Situation.

(Copyright, 1897.)

We were on the deck of the P. & O. steamer Caledonia, nosing our way among the coral reefs of the Red sea. At dinner our jolly captain, "Boss" Bill, as he was affectionately called by the old timers, had announced that it would be too hot to sleep below and had advised us to keep to the deck. Accordingly, a huge sail was stretched lengthwise of the promenade deck, and presently the old travelers emerged, one by one, from the companionway, dressed in the lightest of pajamas, and settled themselves in the long Manila couches which are used for deckchairs in the tropics. The conversation presently turned to the subject of shooting big game. This is always the way. Start an Anglo-Indian of the military persuasion in a discussion of the Ten Commandments, and he will drift on to "big game" as inevitably as water flows down hill. I was falling into a doze, lulled by the rich, mellow monotone of the English voices about me, when I was awakened by a remark of the general's:

"Oh, a lion is nothing but a big, wild pussy-cat, after all. He will fight if he is hungry or attacked, but he is by no means a natural fighter like the tiger or a grizzly."

"Oh, come now, general," objected a voice.

"It is so," insisted the first speaker.

"I'll never forget my first lion; but I've never been really afraid of one since."

"How was that?" "Tell us the story."

"Let's have it," came in a chorus from the group. The general took a long pull on his cheroot and began:

"It was when I was a junior lieutenant. We had been having some pretty

passed to look back, and I could hear him crashing through the underbrush for a quarter of a mile, quite as frightened as I had been. I sat down and laughed, then swam over, put on my clothes and returned to camp. The next day one of our party shot a lion, which the guides claimed was the same which I had seen. He was only an ordinary sized lion; but then I had my clothes on, and he was dead."

The story was received without a murmur of doubt, and in the discussion which followed I fell asleep. If it is true, it certainly reduces the terrors of lion-hunting to a minimum.

THE BEDOUIN AT HOME.

The Arabs of the Desert and Their Royal Hospitality.

Under the Mohammedan code three days' hospitality is a right wayfarers may demand, though in the case of accepted friends the royal bounty of the host heaps favor after favor upon the guest without stint or limitation.

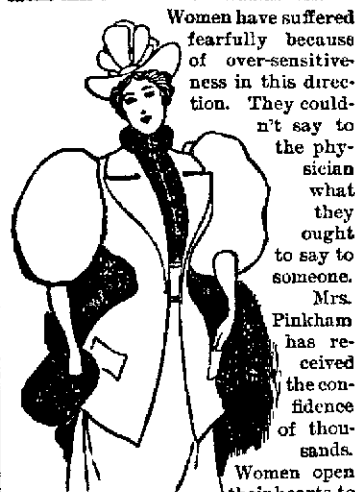
Probably the first distinct impression I received from the Bedouin was the close resemblance of their life to that of Old Testament times. Their loose, flowing robes added to their naturally tall and imposing appearance, and their strong, majestic faces, slightly Jewish in type, together with their gracious old world courtesies, irresistibly suggested the patriarchs of old. Their lives, thoughts, sayings and occupations remain unchanged through all these centuries, and the incidents and conversations of my daily intercourse with them were always Abrahamic in character.

Though nomads, the Arabs are rovers from necessity rather than from choice, and where fodder and water are found in sufficient abundance they form permanent camps, surrounding their tents with a compound of durra stalks, and frequently building stone or mud lodges for their guests.

When on the march they are content with very small tents, easily packed and carried, but in their permanent camps their homes are of regal proportions. The one I occupied covered

HESITATE NO LONGER.

Modesty in women is natural. It is one of women's chief charms. No one cares for one who really lacks this essential to womanliness.



Women have suffered fearfully because of over-sensitiveness in this direction. They couldn't say to the physician what they ought to say to someone. Mrs. Pinkham has received the confidence of thousands. Women open their hearts to her. She understands their suffering, and has the power to relieve and cure.

In nearly all cases the source of women's suffering is in the womb. In many cases the male physician does not understand the case and treats the patient for consumption—indigestion—anything but the right thing.

It is under such circumstances that thousands of women have turned to Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass., and opened their heart and lives—woman to woman—and received her help. You ask how she can tell if the doctor cannot? Because no man living ever treated so many cases and possesses such vast experience.

Displacement, inflammation, torpid action, stagnation, sends to all parts of the body the pains that crush you. Lydia E. Pinkham's "Vegetable Compound" is the sure cure for this trouble. For twenty years it has done its grand work and cured thousands.

At The Grand.

Palmer Cox's "Brownies" will be at the Grand Saturday night for the first time in Decatur. "The Brownies" will be presented here exactly as it ran for 150 nights in New York and four weeks at the Columbia in Chicago, with the same organization of 100 people and all the scenery, ballets, specialties and electrical and mechanical effects witnessed in the metropolis. The electrical cavern of mystery, the palace court-yard of Queen Titania with the bridal procession in the rain of roses, the arrival of the giants with the strange wedding gifts, the abduction of the bride by the cruel enchanter Dragonfel, the open sea with the Brownies adrift on a raft, the thrilling storm that causes their wreck, the Borais, who are the greatest acrobats in the world, Now-house & Waffle, the phenomenal duo of European musical eccentricities and other high class specialties are introduced, and grand transformation scene in which the marvelous flying bullet occurs, all combine to make "The Brownies" the greatest spectacle that has ever been presented in America.

List of Patents. Granted to Illinois inventors this week. Reported by C. A. Snow & Co., solicitors of American and foreign patents, opposite United States patent office, Washington, D. C.:

G. L. Brent, Doodsville, stanchion; N. Burr, Batavia, windmill attachment; H. G. W. Crestons, Moline, egg tester; J. W. Origer, Bloomington, hanger for shade rollers; E. Meyer, Peoria, furnace or stove door; J. Nelson, Rockford, straight knitting machine; E. W. Pratt, Havana, hinge for cooking utensils, etc.; J. Selby, Peoria, corn planter; E. Sharp, Congerville, pencil holder; J. D. Wilcox, Gilman, pump.



The saddest word that can be graven on marble or granite shaft—and Heaven knows there are too many sad ones—is "Mother!" Year after year women go through their reckless way neglecting health and strength of their womanly selves, as if their only object in life was a grave-stone inscribed "Mother." The woman who fails to care for the health of the delicate and important organs that bear the burdens of life-giving, should know that motherhood only holds out to her the menace of certain suffering and probable death.

Women of wisdom know that by resorting to the right remedy they can build up the strength and health of the womanly organism, avoid the discomforts of the tumorous period, insure an easy and almost painless time at the critical occasion, and be sure of a healthy and robust baby. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription insures all this. It never fails. Druggists sell it. In writing Dr. R. V. Pierce for advice, a woman is writing to one of the most eminent and skillful specialists in the world, and the head of the great Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, at Buffalo, N. Y., with its staff of nearly a score of skilled physicians.

"I saw in my paper that Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription was good for a woman with child," writes Mrs. Charles Sandford, of Fairmont, Quodaga Co., N. Y. "I took a bottle and a half of it, and instead of suffering forty-eight hours in confinement as I had previously done, was only in labor two hours. Baby weighed nine pounds and a quarter, and is growing right along. All my friends say that I look better this time than ever before."

Keep the bowels open and regular, and the head will be clear and the muscles active. Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cure constipation. They never gripe. Honest druggists will not offer substitutes.

**Draperies for Spring.****EVERYTHING NEW AND ATTRACTIVE**

LACE CURTAINS in Fish Net and Honiton designs \$1.00 to \$1.25 pair.

IRISH POINT 3/4 yards long, \$3.95.

A COMPLETE LINE of Lisle Thread in all New Effects from \$1.95 up.

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EMBROIDERED SWISSES 14c yard.

FISH NET 20 and 25c yard, new patterns.

Silkolines, Denims, Fancy Tickings, Etc., in Endless Variety.

Special Reduction in Rugs.

20 \$5.00 Combination Fur Rugs, Cut Price.....	\$2.95
25 \$4.00 Solid Color Fur Rugs, Cut Price.....	2.39
25 \$3.00 Natural Goat Rugs Cut Price.....	2.00
30 \$3.00 Moquette Rugs, Cut Price.....	1.95
12 \$4.50 Moquette Rugs, Cut Price.....	3.00
16 Large Handsome Smyrna Rugs at.....	2.39



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—INCLUDING THE—

STORM, SHIPWRECK,

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Seat Sale opens Thursday, at 8 a. m. Prices for the G. eat Attraction, 25c to \$1.50, according to location.

A glass of Pilsner taken just before retiring will insure restful and refreshing sleep.



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Monday, Feb. 15th, 1897.

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If you wear a MILLER OR STETSON YOU ARE RIGHT.

COLORS

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Few more of the—

...DRESS SHIRTS...

35c, or three for \$1.00 left.

COME AND GET THEM.

Race Clothing M'fg Co.,

129 North Water Street.

Spring Style ...189

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Knox Block for the In Black and Color

Men's New Style Fedora.

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Men's Pearl Fedora,

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All the New Prevailing Shades

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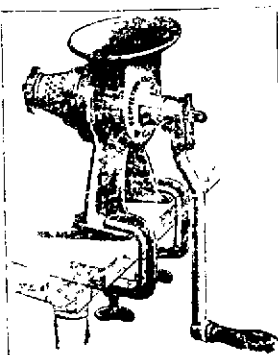
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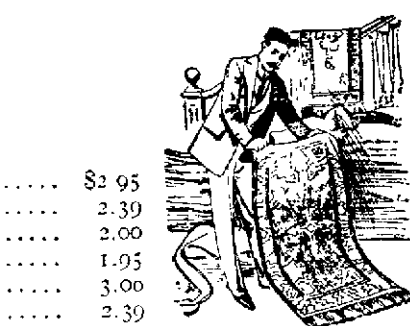
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Decatur, Ill.

CLOTHING MFG. Co.

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Spring Styles
and Miller Hats
ay, Feb. 15th, 1897.

The Best Wheel
A much-debated question in these cycling times—every rider favors his own mount. No doubt, though, that the best mount for the head is a
Stetson Hat
New Spring Styles
In Stiff and Soft Hats
now on sale.
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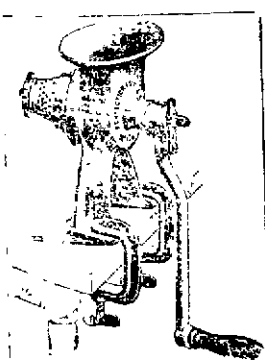
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LOCAL NEWS.

The Grand Opera House cigars made
by Johnny Weigand are the best in town.
mch 25-dtf

Tender roast beef with brown gravy
served at noon daily at Singleton's restau-
rant.—Oct 31st

Tonight the members of the Decatur
Musical club will meet with Prof. C. A.
Foster.

Sherman Edwards will open a short or-
der lunch room in the Ennis room near
the Millikin bank building.

On Wednesday evening Mrs. D. W.
Helmman will give a musicale at her
home on West Decatur street.

Good music and good time, at the Bap-
tist Sunday school concert Tuesday even-
ing. Don't fail to go, 10c and 15c.—13-dtf

Little Diana cigar; business men's
ideal smoke; 5 for 10 cents; 100 for \$1.50.
L. Chodat's News House.—14-dtf

W. C. Plunk makes a specialty in fine
wall paper. See him at No. 109 East
North street before you buy.—15-dtf

The Fullenwider truss cures rupture
For sale by the Corrodanie Co., 21 Syn-
dicate block.

Take the Vandalia fast train to Peoria,
two hours and fifty minutes. Leaves at
11:42 a. m.

If you want a solid evening's enjoy-
ment go to the Baptist concert Tuesday
evening, Feb. 16; 10c 15c.—13-dtf

Regular meeting of Chevalier Bayard
lodge, Knights of Pythias, tonight at the
newly furnished castle hall in library
block.

If you want to spend a pleasant even-
ing and get your money's worth to attend
the Turners' masque ball Wednesday,
Feb. 17.—9-dtf

Buy your garden, flower and field seeds
of Dan Culp, the old reliable seedsman
fresh stock and all varieties of garden seed
in bulk. No. 233 North Main street.
Durfee & Culp.—14-dtf

There was a fire last night at 9 o'clock
at the home of Mrs. Ryan, 518 North
Mercer street, caused by burning clothes
resting on a chair in the front room. The
chair was near a stove. Damage light.
The firemen responded to the alarm.

Next month the Illinois Central Rail-
road company will begin on erection of a
new \$75,000 railway station at Spring-
field. The surveys have been completed
and the old structure is to be torn away.

The charity store management will go
out of business in a few days. Hundreds
of poor people have been supplied with
food and clothing. It was a noble work
by earnest men and women.

Make your arrangements to attend the
grand masquerade ball at the Turner hall,
Wednesday, Feb. 17, only persons receiv-
ing invitations will be admitted. Tick-
ets may be obtained from members of the
Turnverein.—9-dtf

These are the newly elected officers of
the Decatur Turner society: President,
Frank Reinhardt; vice president, M. F.
Schluter; first turnward, Karl Walter;
second turnward, Wm. K. Hambrecht; re-
cording secretary, Henry Metz; corre-
sponding secretary, Carl Young; cashier,
F. H. Myer, treasurer, Ed Kuny, libra-
rian, John Michalke; trustees, E. W.
Kipp, Wenzel Steinbach and Wm. Bold.

On Sunday a double quartette of male
voices was organized at the Turner Park
and held their first rehearsal last night.
They are under the direction of Anton
Spaeth. The members are: First ten-
ors, Albert Ehrhardt, Karl Young; second
tenors, Karl Walters, Henry Metz; first
bass, William Blank, Adolph Bier; sec-
ond bass, Adolph Schick and Herman
Spies.

Tom Brockman, the elongated speci-
men of ebony with the "Uncle Tom"
company, paid Hellman & Son's grocery
store a visit last evening and got on the
scales. He weighed 185 pounds. He
said he was 7 feet 11 inches tall and when
somebody said he had wooden joints at
the knees to make him tall Tom offered to
bet \$10 that he was all flesh and bones.

No better soft coal in this market than
Lincoln or Riverton. Lincoln is the hard-
est of any coal within 100 miles of Deca-
tur and the harder the coal the longer it
will burn. Hard coal all sizes, always in
stock at market price. Up town office,
Irwin's drug store, office and yard 800
North Broadway, old phone 433, new
phone 435. M. F. Metz.—21-dtf

Death at Harrison.

Monday evening, Feb. 15, at 6:45
o'clock, Mrs. Lina Leonard died of ty-
phoid fever at her home in Harrison,
aged 27 years. She is survived by her
husband and three sisters. They are Mrs.
H. B. McGregory and Mrs. F. P. Towne
of Harrison, and Miss Edith Eymann of
Peoria. The parents of the deceased live
in Eureka and were present at the time of
her death. The funeral will occur from
the family residence at 3 o'clock on Wed-
nesday afternoon, Rev. J. P. McKnight
of Peoria officiating. The remains will
be interred in the Harrison cemetery.

Delegates to Danville.
Today the Fifth district convention of
Good Templar lodges began at Danville.
Delegates from Macon county:

Decatur Lodge—Misses Emma Weigand
and Lizzie Stoll.
Rescue Lodge—Fred Wisner, Jesse Pe-
ters, Ora Crane, Miss Minnie Ritchie of
Warrensburg and Mrs. Steadman.

Faithful lodge—Miss Myrtle Mills, dis-
trict secretary; Miss Rosa Ruckle, district
chief templar, and Miss Minnie Shaw.

Frank Schroll and Ed Gonterman of
Forsyth lodge and Ed L. Bowers, district
consent of Lintner will attend.

Open meetings will be held at the Dan-
ville churches tonight.

To the Public.
One year ago I was a great sufferer with
kidney trouble, had been afflicted for
twelve years, and could not get any one
who could cure me; I was all run down
and being a farmer could not attend to
my business, but now thanks to Dr. R.
B. Miller of 170 Oakwood Boulevard, Chi-
cago, I am a well man. I cheerfully re-
commend him to all afflicted with any
chronic disease. He will do just as he
promises.

B. G. Collins, Point Isabel, Ind.
You can consult the doctor free at the
St. Nicholas hotel, Feb. 17.

Garden Seeds.
Just received a large stock of all kinds
of D. M. Ferry & Co.'s fresh bulk garden
seeds, at the Spencer & Lehman Co.'s—
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**Good Bread
Is Never Wasted...**

The Foundation is Good Flour.
HINKLE'S BEST... FLOUR

Will make Whiter and Better Bread than any
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man for it, or call up 550 and we will send you
a sack of the best quick.

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IN THE COUNTRY.

Observations Jotted Down by a Republican
Reporter on His Rounds.

The past year has not been a prosper-
ous one for Macon county farmers and
many tenants find themselves without a
dollar and in debt after squaring with
their landlords. They all hope for better
times next year and are offering the usual
large prices for land. At Prairie Hall
grain rent seems to be the rule, about
two-fifths delivered to the dealer, and in
some cases half the crop is given.

Tenants themselves are likely to blame
for the high prices charged for land rent.
The landlord is not adverse to getting all
there is in it, and would be renters almost
fall over themselves in bidding for desir-
able farms.

During the last season a few land own-
ers have proved themselves shylocks of
the highest degree and tenants who were
unfortunate enough to fall into their
clutches have found themselves stripped
of all their earthly possessions. In other
cases landlords have made needed conces-
sions and this is the class which will pros-
per.

Mr. J. A. Pasley, who resides on a fine
farm near Prairie Hall, comes to the front
with a remarkable horse story. Last
fall his favorite riding horse wandered
away from home and found itself on the
Vandalia track. A passenger train came
along and the animal started in for a race
with the locomotive. It ran across two
long trestle bridges, skipped through sev-
eral cattle guards, and wound up the per-
formance by leaping from a high embank-
ment, clearing a barbed wire fence and
landed in a neighboring field where it
kicked up its heels as the iron horse glid-
ed by. The story is vouched for by eye
witnesses.

They have some bad boys in the little
town of Macon and as usual the lads be-
long to the F. F.'s of the section. The
youths have been in the habit of attend-
ing church and disturbing the services.
This has roused the ire of the good people
and headed by Brother Cram of the Macon
Record, they threaten to make the at-
mosphere decidedly sultry for the offend-
ers.

Walker's new elevator at Assumption
has been completed and will soon be in
running order. The new structure takes
the place of the large elevator which was
burned some time ago.

George Melhorn of Blue Mound, paid
20c per bushel for corn last week. Mr.
Melhorn believes corn at present prices is
a good investment and is cribbing many
thousand bushels which he is holding in
anticipation of the raise which is certain
to come when prosperity arrives.

The "only Jenkins" has returned to
Macon after wandering over Chicago and
other outlying villages. He has resumed
business at the old stand and all the ba-
bies in the neighborhood have been around
for photographs.

Grain dealers throughout the county
have not been grieved over the bad weath-
er of the last week which put a quibus
on corn hauling. It has given them an
opportunity to clear out overlanded grain
bins. A car famine has prevented the
movement of grain to some extent.

Brother Allison, the postmaster at Ma-
con is mourning the loss of a plate glass
window which until recently adorned the
office front of his office. A patron became
so absorbed in reading some of the good
things in a recent issue of the Republican
that he missed the door and came in col-
lision with the glass with disastrous re-
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of Peoria officiating. The remains will
be interred in the Harrison cemetery.

Delegates to Danville.
Today the Fifth district convention of
Good Templar lodges began at Danville.
Delegates from Macon county:

Decatur Lodge—Misses Emma Weigand
and Lizzie Stoll.
Rescue Lodge—Fred Wisner, Jesse Pe-
ters, Ora Crane, Miss Minnie Ritchie of
Warrensburg and Mrs. Steadman.

Faithful lodge—Miss Myrtle Mills, dis-
trict secretary; Miss Rosa Ruckle, district
chief templar, and Miss Minnie Shaw.

Frank Schroll and Ed Gonterman of
Forsyth lodge and Ed L. Bowers, district
consent of Lintner will attend.

Open meetings will be held at the Dan-
ville churches tonight.

To the Public.
One year ago I was a great sufferer with
kidney trouble, had been afflicted for
twelve years, and could not get any one
who could cure me; I was all run down
and being a farmer could not attend to
my business, but now thanks to Dr. R.
B. Miller of 170 Oakwood Boulevard, Chi-
cago, I am a well man. I cheerfully re-
commend him to all afflicted with any
chronic disease. He will do just as he
promises.

B. G. Collins, Point Isabel, Ind.
You can consult the doctor free at the
St. Nicholas hotel, Feb. 17.

Garden Seeds.
Just received a large stock of all kinds
of D. M. Ferry & Co.'s fresh bulk garden
seeds, at the Spencer & Lehman Co.'s—
Jan 29-dwt

COUNCIL MEETING.

The Aldermen Decide to Raise the
Salary of the Mayor of Decatur.

WOULD MAKE IT \$2000 A YEAR.

The Curfew Ordinance is Again Brought
Up and is Passed—Mayor Vetoes
Two Ordinances on Ac-
count of Mistakes.

At the regular meeting of the city coun-
cil last evening the aldermen decided that
the salary of the mayor of Decatur was
not sufficiently large and a resolution was
passed instructing the city attorney to
draw up an ordinance making the salary
of mayor \$2000 per year. All of the al-
dermen were in favor of the idea except
ing Ahrens, Bold, Gogerty, Johnson and
Simpson. Colonel Mathias was not pres-
ent at the meeting so the vote for the pas-
sage of the resolution stood 8 to 5. Mr.
Irwin and Mr. Thayer both spoke in favor
of the resolution. The latter said that the
mayor of Decatur should be so situated
that he could spend all his time in attend-
ing to the business of the city and that at
the present salary no good man could be
asked to do the work. He thought the
city would save money by paying a better
salary so the mayor could afford to give
his entire time to the office. The resolu-
tion was as follows:

Whereas, the municipal corporation of
the city of Decatur has now obtained a
conspicuous position in population,
wealth, manufacture and commercial en-
terprise, obtaining for it a wide reputa-
tion as a city of great importance, and
Whereas, the salary attached to the
office of mayor of this corporation is now
and for many years past, has been totally
inadequate for the duty performed or as
compensation for the time a man of recog-
nized executive ability must necessarily
or should give to faithfully fulfill the du-
ties of said office, and

Whereas, it is very desirable and to the
manifest benefit of the city at large that
sufficient remuneration be apportioned to
said office to attract men of ability, there-
fore be it

Resolved, That the city attorney be and
is hereby directed to prepare an ordinance
placing the salary of the office of mayor
of the city of Decatur, Illinois, at \$2000
per annum and present the same at the
next regular meeting of the council. Ad-
opted.

Main Street Water Pipes.
The mayor returned without his signa-
ture the ordinance for laying service wa-
ter pipes on North Main street. He rec-
ommended that a further investigation of
the depth of the mains be made and that
the clause allowing the property owners
to put the pipes in themselves be not
stricken from the ordinance. The veto
was accepted by the council and later the
following report was presented by the or-
dinance committee and adopted by the
council:

Your committee on ordinances would
report that Feb. 15, 1897, anticipating a
veto for apparent reasons by his honor
the mayor of the "ordinance providing for
water service pipes on North Main street"
would therefore recommend that the city
engineer be and is hereby instructed to
prepare a profile and establish the grade
line at which North Main street from the
Wabash railroad north to the city limits
should be paved and make report at the
next regular meeting of the city council.
Adopted.

The Curfew Ordinance.
The curfew ordinance was vetoed by
the mayor because it did not state when
it was to go into effect. The council
passed another ordinance practically the
same except that it was to go into effect
on and after its legal publication.

Communications.
S. D. Myers asked permission of the city
to erect a sign in front of his place of
business on North Water street. Referred
to the sidewalk and crossing committee.

A number of property owners submit-
ted a communication objecting to the lat-
eral sewer to be built in the alley first
north of Eldorado street running from
Jasper street east to the city limits on the
grounds that the Jasper street frontage
was not assessed, that property receiving
as much benefit from the sewer as the
property which is assessed. The matter
was referred to the city attorney.

The finance committee reported an ap-
proval of the liquor bonds of E. North-
land of North Franklin street. On mo-
tion of Mr. Ahrens the bonds were ap-
proved by the council and a license order-
ed issued.

L. L. Burrows presented a bill for
\$383.41 for laying water mains in 1894.
As no one knew anything about the bill
it was referred to the finance committee.

Changed to Ewing Avenue.
The council passed an ordinance chang-
ing the name of the street known as South
Green street to Ewing avenue, in memory
of the late C. A. Ewing.

Resolutions.
The following resolutions were intro-
duced:

That the city clerk be instructed to
draw a warrant for \$250 in favor of Mrs.
O'Connor, said sum being the amount of
the doctor bill and funeral expenses of her
son, Thomas O'Connor, who was killed
while in the employ of the city. There
was considerable objection to the resolu-

tion and it was finally decided to lay it on
the table.

That the sewer inspector be instructed
to examine and see what is the matter
with the sewer branch in the alley be-
tween Jasper and Witt streets running to
the L. D. & W. railroad. The tile is filled
with water which cannot escape. The
resolution was adopted.

That the mayor appoint a committee of
three to confer with the highway commis-
sioners in regard to opening Stock street
across the Wabash right of way. Laid on
the table.

That an inlet be put to the sewer at the
corner of North Edward and Green streets
to carry off the water from Green street.
Referred to the public improvement com-
mittee with power to act.

That a crossing be put at the alley on
Sangamon street between Lowber and
Charles streets. Referred.

That the city engineer be instructed to
draw a map of all the territory east of
Jasper street including the Clokey and
Allen additions with a view of putting in
a sewer from Jasper street east to the L.
D. & W. railroad. Adopted.

That all printing done by the city be
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tee and that the work if received bear the
typographical union label. Laid on the
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SEATS FOR "THE BROWNIES."
Advance Sale Opens Thursday, at 8 a. m.
Sharp.

On Thursday at 8 a. m. sharp in the
opera house drug store, the seat sale will
open for C. B. Jefferson, Klaw & Erlan-
ger's wonderful production, "Palmer
Cox's Brownies," which will be seen for
the first time in Decatur at the Grand
opera house. This great attraction which
will be witnessed here exactly as it was
presented in New York, Chicago, St.
Louis and other large cities, with the
same big cast of 100 people, all the mag-
nificent scenery, ballets and specialties,
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cing girls, strange disappearing demons,
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other remarkable features that have made
the big production famous all over the
country, will positively be presented.
The scale of prices for the great attraction
will be from 25c to \$1.50, according to
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Royal Neighbors at Home.
A valentine social was given at the K.
of P. hall in Powers block last night by
Golden Crown Camp of Royal Neighbors.
It was a success in every way, there being
a large crowd present and they were well
entertained. The program given was as
follows:

Selection—Mandolin orchestra.
Recitation—Mrs. Kazar.
Recitation—Fannie Fremont
Song—Miss Luin Kelley.
Recitation—Miss Lieb.
Piano Selection—Mrs. Dr. Wood.

After the program a dance of twenty
numbers was given and refreshments
were served by the ladies. Valentines
were sold during the evening and quite a
sum was realized by this means.

A Valentine Party.
Miss Theresa Frank entertained a num-
ber of her friends at her home on South
Water street Monday evening. Miss Frank
was assisted in receiving by Miss Mary
Kicola. Progressive clink was the amuse-
ment of the evening. Sumptuous refresh-
ments were served and handsome val-
entines were given as souvenirs. Those
present were: Theresa Frank, Mary
Kicola, Maggie Conden, Eric Blank, Em-
ma Casner, Lena Borth, Messrs. Thad
Sherer, Frank Kenson, Johnnie Schorer,
Martin Burtch, John Blume, J. Heisler.

A Fight.
"Kid" Bain, the Peoria boy, and Billy
Lambert, formerly of England, had a ten
round fight at Davenport, Iowa, last night
for \$500. A big gang of Peorians wit-
nessed the mill. The kid is well known
in Decatur.

Take Notice.
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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1897.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.

Chicago, Feb. 16.—Partly cloudy to-
night and Wednesday; warmer tonight;
increasing southerly winds.

Spain and Turkey.

There are only two nations on the globe
that pass as civilized nations that are un-
able to govern their people or their colo-
nies. These nations are Spain and Tur-
key. The reason why they are unfit is
that the ruling powers of both are alike
governed by prejudice instead of reason
to which is added inability to appreciate
the rights of others to life or any sort of
liberty of thought and action. For these
reasons promised reforms by either of
these nations are only made to be broken.

Spain after the ten years' war in Cuba
secured peace by promising reforms to the
Cubans which promises were broken as
soon as those who had fought for liberty
had laid down their arms. The result of
that deception and the increase of bur-
dens upon the Cubans is the cause of the
present war which will result in freedom
for the Cubans in spite of Cleveland, Olney and Harmon.
This brings us to reflect as to what ex-
clude Cleveland can justly assign for aid-
ing a nation that has thus far shown
that it cannot be relied upon to keep faith
except where it does not offend. Such a
nation is unworthy the effort Cleveland
is making to construe the laws in her
favor.

The trouble the sultan has in Crete has
come about in the same way and is the
result of similar causes. In 1894 an equal
number of Christians and Turks in Crete
were sentenced to death for some crime
and an appeal was made for clemency. It
was granted in all but one of the cases as
to the Turks but all the Christians were
executed. This plain and bold discrimi-
nation caused intense feeling among the
Cretean Christians. They met in conven-
tions and protested and made certain de-
mands in the nature of reforms, among
which was the appointment of a Christian
instead of a Turkish governor for the is-
land. This made the Mohammedans an-
gry and instead of attempting to pacify
the Christians they instituted persecutions
and added to their burdens until the Mo-
hammedan governor was assassinated. In
1895 the Christians revolted and took up
arms. Then came the European powers
and forced Turkey to make terms with the
Cretean revolutionists and in this ar-
rangement the island was granted a
Christian governor, but no sooner had the
Creteans laid down their arms than the
same persecutions were reinstated in spite
of the new governor and these broken
pledges are at the bottom of the present
insurrection.

The king of Greece has observed all
these things. He has seen the hollow pre-
tense of the Turk as to the Christians in
Crete. Greece is neighbor to Cuba but
unlike Grover Cleveland the king of
Greece has come to the rescue of the per-
secuted in Crete and proposes to succor
and aid them, while the president of a
free people elected by a free people quib-
bles about international law in the inter-
est of a nation that has shown itself un-
worthy of any consideration. The Ameri-
can people will burlap for the king of
Greece while they pray God to paralyze
the political power of their own presi-
dent until God and the constitution of the
United States relieve him of that power.
The action of Greece will in all probability
result in transferring the allegiance of
Crete from the Turk to the kingdom of
Greece and the limitations of the consti-
tution of the United States will give Cu-
bans the freedom for which they have
shown a willingness to die. Surely

God moves in a mysterious way,
His wonders to perform;
He plants His footsteps on the sea
And rides upon the storm.

In this case he uses a king of the earth
to bring liberty to a struggling people
while the president of the only people on
earth who declared that "all men are cre-
ated free and endowed by their Creator
with certain inalienable rights" disports
himself in an effort to deny these rights
to an oppressed people.

Prosperity Awaits Protection.
American Economist: There are some
complaints by the doubting Thomases
that the election of McKinley has not
transported us back at once to such pros-
perity as we had in 1891 and 1892, under
the McKinley law. That is about as rea-
sonable as to expect roses to bloom out of
doors in December because June is com-
ing. Because we know June is coming,
we may order rose trees, but we don't ex-
pect the roses to bloom until the Decem-
ber snow is gone. While the Wilson-Gor-
man bill is the law of the land we cannot
expect any great measure of prosperity.
The most that we can hope for is that we

may be spared from further disaster.
Merchants have the same inducements to
buy abroad that they have had from the
beginning of the law. It is true that
many mills which were closed have started
up, and that many others which would
have shut down in case of McKinley's de-
feat have continued. So much substan-
tial good has come from the mere prospect
of protection in the near future. But
these mills have gone on with work in ex-
pectation of future orders, when protec-
tion to American industries will come
more be established, rather than to meet
present demands. Confidence has been
restored, and further disaster prevented
by the assurance of the re-establishment
of the American system; but real or wide-
spread prosperity cannot come until pro-
tection to American industries is a reality
of the present and not a promise of the
future.

Greece has suddenly presented a con-
dition which the allied powers and Turkey
have to confront. The conditions are
somewhat obscure and all parties seem
reluctant to say whether it is loaded or
not; but as a matter of precaution every-
body seems inclined to keep away from
the business end of it. The general dis-
position so far, is to request Greece not to
fire it off suddenly on conditions that all
will help her to hold it and keep it from
getting damp.

A number of theories have recently
been advanced that Mars which has an at-
mosphere similar to that of the earth may
in all probability be inhabited and in
view of that possibility there is talk of de-
vising some method by which we may
communicate with the inhabitants of that
planet, but so far we have not yet seen
any suggestion that this might be ac-
complished by turning Bryan loose upon
those people. This is too practical a sug-
gestion to be overlooked.

The federal veterans are dying at the
rate of 40,000 a year. This is sad enough
of itself, but when we consider that there
are men, who pride themselves on being
American citizens, who calculate upon the
death of these veterans as a saving to the
government and a matter of retrenchment,
one is inclined to think that we have
a great many people who do not ap-
preciate the fact that they owe the exis-
tence of the government to men who put
their lives in the balances to save the gov-
ernment.

Mrs. W. J. Bryan is to be commended
for the effusive manner in which she sets
forth, in the appendix to Bryan's "First
Battle," the good points of her husband's
character and characteristics as they are
presented to her vision.

Tom Watson got 37 votes for vice presi-
dent which was 139 less than the "wart
on a log" got which is another evidence
of the utter depravity of the Popocratic
party.

Solomon once said, "all is vanity and
vanitation of spirit," and yet he lived in a
day when there were no gas meters.

Harristown.
Ed and Otis Thornhill, of Webster
City, Iowa, are here to visit their father,
J. W. Thornhill.

Mrs. M. D. Eymann, who has been at
Eureka, Ill. for some time, returned
home Friday.

F. P. Towne and family visited friends
in Decatur Sunday.

A. H. Knight visited friends at Oak-
ley Saturday.

The M. E. church people held a socia-
ble at the residence of Lewis Stookey
on Friday evening.

Harve Waldorf moved to his father's
farm last Thursday.

Henry Wynkoop, who has been living
on the G. W. Waldorf farm, moved
into the village this week.

O. P. Winston has moved from Pleas-
ant Plains, Ill. to this place. He will
farm on part of the S. P. Davis land.

Elmer Burns, accompanied by his
little niece, Vera Dunkel, went to Pana,
Ill. Saturday to visit relatives.

Mrs. H. M. Batchelder, of Springfield,
visited her sister, Mrs. Lewis Stookey,
Friday and Saturday.

E. Hall and family of Buffalo, Ill., are
visiting E. W. Allen and family.

Died, at her home in this village Mon-
day evening at 6:45 o'clock, of typhoid
fever, Mrs. G. W. Leonard, aged 27
years. She is survived by a kind and
loving husband, her parents, Mr. and
Mrs. J. M. Eymann, and three sisters,
Mrs. F. P. Towne and Mrs. H. B. Mc-
Gregor of this place, and Miss Edith
Eymann, of Eureka, Ill. Mrs. Leonard
was a faithful member of the Church of
Christ of this place. The funeral will
occur from the family residence Wednes-
day afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. J. P.
McKnight, of Peoria, officiating. The
interment will be at the Harristown
cemetery. The husband and relatives
have the sympathy of the entire com-
munity in their sad bereavement.

Feb. 16, 1897.

Lost.—A dear little child who made
home happy by its smiles. And to
think, it might have been saved had the
parents only kept in the house One
Minute Cough Cure, the infallible rem-
edy for croup. A. J. Stoner & Son,
Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krohn.

The village of Bradley, Kankakee
county, was visited by a burglar on the
night of February 10, who went through
eight different houses gathering spoil, and
got away in safety.

Chicago, Pa., "Herald." Richard Ven-
sel reports One Minute Cough Cure the
greatest success of medical science. He
told us that it cured his whole family of
terrible coughs and colds, after all
other so-called cures had failed entirely.
Mr. Vinsel said it assisted his children
through a very bad siege of measles.
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tation very easy and rapid. A. J. Stoner
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WHAT SENATORS EAT.

Senator Allison Likes Pumpkin
Pie and Pure Milk.

The Venerable Senator Morrill, of Ver-
mont, Usually Lunches on Crackers
and Milk—Senator Hill Has a Pen-
chant for Big Oysters.

(Special Washington Letter.)
Now, while the rain and sleet are
driving over the prairies, the snow set-
tling on the mountains, and the north
winds are blowing over the sunny
south, the majority of our people will
remain indoors the greater part of the
time; for farm chores and village duties
are not very pleasant in winter time.

While the blizzards are blowing it is
pleasant for the farmers to remain in-
side the house, with plenty of fuel,
plenty of food, and plenty of time to
rest. The cattle being safely covered
and screened, with ample food in reach,
the farmer needs not worry, but can
philosophically smile at the elements
and say:

Laugh, and the world laughs with you,
Weep, and you weep alone.

This grand old earth must borrow its mirth
It has troubles enough of its own.

But the successful farmer is not the
citizen who laughs last, or best, or
loudest. In this chill winter weather
nobody enjoys life more than the aver-
age statesman in the national capitol.
They are all alike in their pride, pomp,
pursue and purposes; and a majority of
them are alike in their gustatory de-
sires and the gratification thereof. "Put
a knife to thy throat if thou be a man
given to appetite," said Solomon. Some
of the people who live in this year of
grace do not think the advice good.
Neither suicide nor eating with a knife
is a good form in these days. It must be
evident even to the casual visitor at the
senate restaurant that the wise man was
not addressing his remarks to United
States senators. No self-respecting sen-
ator ever allows his knife to get with-
in a foot of his juglar. Members of the
house may, perhaps, elevate their pork
and beans to the mouth level without the
assistance of a fork, but the dignified
senator never permits the glittering
steel greater altitude than the third
button on his vest. The day for eating
with your knife was cut short by that
happy invention, the four-pronged fork.

During the sessions of congress there
are thousands of people passing through
the capitol building every day, and they
manifest the popular interest in sena-
tors by seeking them, and prying into
their methods of living. They occupy
the senate floor until removed by the
opening of the session and the energy of

several employees; they survey senators
from the galleries and criticize their re-
spective and generally respectable ap-
pearance; they peep through half-
opened committee-room doors and
reach the apex of the tourist's bliss
when they behold a senator engaged in
the consumption of food.

"He's eatin' raw oysters," said a
stranger to his wife the other day. The
couple had, from afar, followed one of
the senators who represent their state
to the senate restaurant. The male
tourist watched the alleged legislator
commence feeding and then reported to
the waiting but equally curious fem-
ale.

The senate restaurant is an interest-
ing place. Men sometimes succeed in
concealing their characters behind
screens of reputation, but they cannot
continually and successfully disguise
their appetites. The man who loves to
eat must fail to hide his affection, just
as he who cares but little for the good
things of life must surely display his
disdain for matters stomachic.

If there is such a thing as a lobby-
ist outside of the senate he can be found
in the restaurant somewhere between
12 o'clock meridian and four p. m.; a
clever argument has no such support
as that which springs from a cleverly
cooked and artistically served meal, and
the average human tongue wags more
freely in response to the gurgling car-
resses of free liquor than it would in
direct return for hard cash—besides,
many a man will unconsciously allow
such bait who would spurn the largest
bribe ever offered outside of a New
York board of aldermen.

For three hours every afternoon the
waiters in the senate restaurant are
kept very busy, and it is almost im-
possible for the cooks in the basement
to keep pace with the orders which
are shouted to them.

One large room is given up to the
public, but two small rooms are reserved
for the senators and their families. Dur-
ing the past year these private rooms
have been invaded by members of the
house of representatives, thereby dis-
turb the dignity and destroying the
privacy of the senators. But these
representatives of the people cannot be
ordered out without a public scandal,
and some time this session one of the
committee-rooms will be set aside for
the senators. They are seclusive and
reclusive, are these senators; and when
they are compelled to come into contact
with common people in public places
in Washington, they do not like it. That

is a rather sweeping assertion, but it
is a fact that some senators, and many
of them, too, are sonatorially sensitive
in Washington, although they may be
exceedingly affable to their neighbors
and friends in their several states.

Many people wonder what the sena-
tors eat. Well, they eat just as you and
I and all the rest of us eat, and they
take the same food. Only a few of
them call for terrapin and champagne.
They want first-class roast beef, and
very rare, too. They want the best of
meats, and some of them are very fond
of fish and game; but the majority of
them take oysters in some form for
their lunch.

Senator Allison, of Iowa, likes pump-
kin pie and a glass of milk. Senator
Morrill, of Vermont, now 87 years old,
likes crackers crumbled into a bowl of
milk. The best feeders in the senate
used to be Senators Maudsion and Pad-
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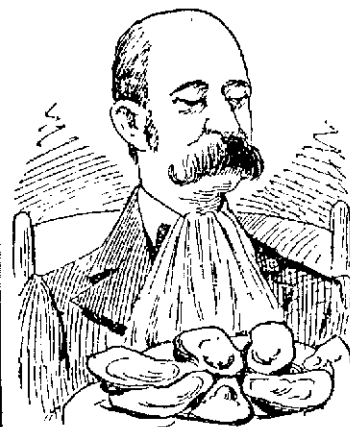
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Personals.

J. E. Osborne is in Mt. Pulaski to-
day.

Dr. Thompson, of Cerro Gordo, was
in the city today on business.

Sam Ackerman, who has been dan-
gerously ill, was much better to-day.

Frank Wolfe, Clarence Waite and
C. B. Ogle went to Chicago last night.

Miss Ida Reemo is home from Chi-
cago where she has been visiting friends.

F. R. Brownell, of St. Louis, is in
the city visiting Mr. Beckwith and
family.

E. A. West has returned from Mil-
waukee, where he was called by the illness
of a relative.

B. Z. Taylor will leave in a few days
for Hot Springs, Arkansas, for a two
weeks' stay.

Rev. Frank N. Atkin, who has been
visiting at Macon, Mo., is expected home
this evening.

Mrs. H. M. Kreidler and child left
today for the southern part of the state
to visit friends.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Stadler have re-
turned from Urbana where they visited E.
W. Julian and family.

H. D. Armstrong, traveling passen-

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IN THE GRASP OF ODIN.

BY GEORGE H. COOMER.



SOME 30 years ago I belonged to the ship Rollo, lying at Rotterdam, and after we had remained there some weeks our captain got a freight for Bergen, in Norway.

We were to take back a load of pine lumber, but on arriving at Bergen it was found the cargo was away up the coast, at a small seaport on the Vest-fjord, and for this place, after discharging, the Rollo made sail.

With light, contrary breezes, we tacked a great many times, and on one of these tacks, near the Loffoden islands, passed close by the spot where, at certain times of tide, and especially after northwest gales, rages the great Maelstrom, the terrors of which were so exaggerated by the early geographers.

The ebb current had probably set us out of our course, but we saw nothing remarkable, save a commotion of the waters two or three miles away, reminding us of the Race in Long Island sound, or of Hell Gate, as it used to be in these days.

A good breeze would have carried the ship through it in perfect safety, nor would it have swamped a fishing boat.

Standing into the Vest-fjord, we finally dropped anchor in a snug harbor, before the little Norwegian hamlet which was to furnish us with a cargo.

Here were great piles of lumber all about the shores. It was wholly pine, for we were now in latitude 68, where no other timber will flourish, and where even the pine itself almost reaches its northern limit.

What a cold and lonely region it was! The captain's wife and little boy were on board, and the sight of them kept a warm place all the time in my heart, as if so much of bright New England still survived for us, though we were away up in the Vest-fjord.

A Dutch brig, called the Zuyder Zee, was likewise there.

She had sailed a week before ourselves from Rotterdam, and by a singular coincidence her captain also had taken his wife and little boy. But the little blue-eyed fellow was no more about the decks. We had seen his pretty face at the rail, as the brig went out of Rotterdam, and again as she went out of Bergen, and little Charlie Rivers, climbing upon the

Suddenly he caught sight of the Zuyder Zee, and in some way losing his balance, while straining his neck to look at her, out he went.

Mrs. Rivers had just missed him as he disappeared. She leaned out to catch him, as the Rollo's stern settled in the eddy beneath, and she, too, was gone.

Those on deck knew nothing of the catastrophe, until, as the Zuyder Zee swung partly athwart out stern, they saw a woman clutching a little boy, carried forcibly against the Dutch brig, and almost dipped up by the heavy bulwarks.

The stout Rotterdam sailors grasped them as they came, and the square-built Holland skipper signalled to us with his lifted arm that all was well.

His astonishment, of course, no signal could express; and as to our own captain, I will not dwell upon the emotions he must have experienced at that moment.

Soon afterward we saw that the Dutchman, having parted both her cables, had been compelled to make sail, sheeting home his topsails, into which he put close reefs.

With this sail, and the tide in his favor, he might possibly in the wide, sea-like fjord, still keep his vessel from going ashore, though her peril was extreme.

It was not long, however, ere the wind greatly abated, and we could see that he had set his foresail, foretopmast staysail and trysail, with which amount of canvas his chance of safety was much improved.

Soon after the gale was over, a thick, rainy mist gathered upon the water, obscuring everything for 24 hours; but the wind, which had changed, blew a strong breeze directly out of the fjord. At length the air cleared and we got under way, seeing nothing of the Dutchman.

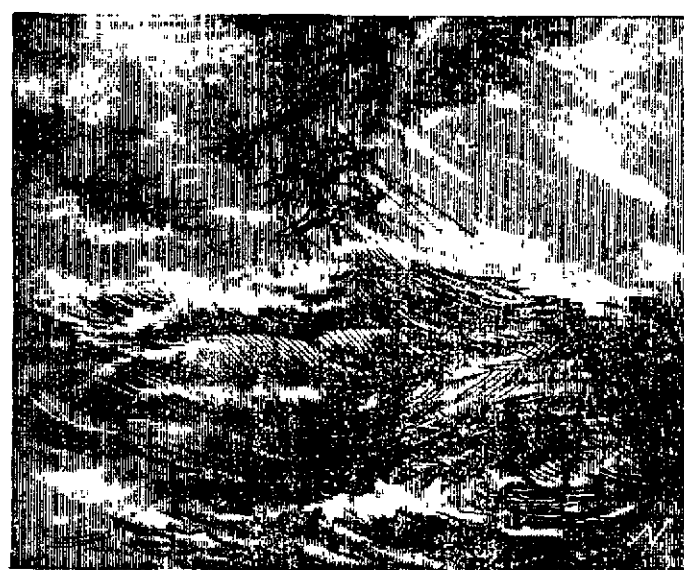
Had he felt his way out with his lead-line, or was he dashed upon the rocks? The suspense of our captain was dreadful.

As we passed the mouth of the fjord the wind hauled in such a manner as to head us off; the air became foggy, and, in making a turn, we approached so near the maelstrom as to hear its heavy roaring.

The order was given to put the ship in stays, but scarcely had we gone on the opposite tack when it fell entirely calm, and we were at the mercy of the tide.

"See all clear for letting go anchor!" was the next order.

And the Rollo soon swung to her chain, with sheets and halyards let go.



IN THE GRASP OF THE STORM

bulwarks of our ship, had hailed him in childish tones as the Zuyder Zee swept past us.

Mounting upon the head rail, while his father and mother were below, he had fallen under the brig's bows and was never seen again.

The bereaved mother, coming on board of us, as we lay at anchor, took little Charlie in her arms and cried bitterly. Mrs. Rivers cried, too, and from that moment she was continually apprehensive of some accident to her little one.

The two vessels finished loading at the same time, and the brig and ship got under way together, to go down the fjord.

This is very wide and long—a sea in itself—and in rough weather one of the most dangerous places in the world. But now all was pleasant. Thousands of sea-fowl circled around the vessel, and the distant shores of the Loffoden islands had a warm, misty beauty.

This state of things, however, did not long continue. The weather thickened, as if preparing for a storm; then the breeze left us, and we dropped anchor in deep water, in order not to be set out of our course by the tide.

Soon afterward it began to blow heavily, yet the wind, being from the northwest, our anchorage, under one of the islands, was so sheltered that we did not drag.

The ebb tide opposed the wind, and the tumult grew fearful. The sea was tremendous. It carried away the Dutch brig's deck load, her longboat and yawl, while both vessels pitched bowsprit under at every plunge, rolling "scuppers" under, and fast taking along their anchors.

The brig dragged faster than the ship, and being to windward, came near getting afoul of us, as stern foremost, tugging back on her chains and deluged with water, she sagged slowly past.

Indeed, her mainyard struck our own as the two wallowing vessels rolled toward each other; and afterward she lay tumbling for some minutes, so close to our quarter that we could almost have jumped on board of her.

At this moment, little Charlie Rivers was with his mother in the cabin. The stern lights were open, and, standing in the transom, Charlie was gazing from one of them on the foam that curled and swashed past the counters of the ship.

and courses, topsails, topgallantsails and royals clev up and lazily slanting as she rolled.

In half an hour the fog lifted, the sun shone clearly and we could see the tremendous surges rushing around the fearful pool like monsters in a pit.

It was to the west of us, and as the air to the south grew clear we observed a tall brig drifting slowly toward the fearful vortex.

"The Dutchman! the Dutchman!" cried all our men, in a breath.

For everyone saw that the vessel was the Zuyder Zee.

She had no anchors, no boats, and the current was carrying her steadily toward that place of terror, where the sea god Odin would grasp her by the keel and hurl her thunderingly below.

"Clear away the yawl!" shouted Capt. Rivers. "Come with me, four of you!" he added, springing over the taffrail "Stand by the tackles! Lower away and cast off!"

Three of my shipmates and myself went with him. How we sprang to the oars!

The Zuyder Zee was reached. Mrs. Rivers and little Charlie, together with the Dutch captain's wife, were put into the boat, and all hands besides, ten in number, taken with them.

With a complement of 18 persons our little yawl felt the tide in a way that placed her in terrible danger, but at last we succeeded in reaching the ship in safety.

As we did so the Dutch brig went into the whirl. What a sight it was! Around and around she swept, now standing nearly on end, now lying over till her yards dipped in the water, and all the while—headforemost, sternforemost or broadside to—going with frightful speed.

Then the hull disappeared; the lower masts were swallowed; the royal yards went out of sight. She was gone.

We arrived safely at Rotterdam. But who can describe the caresses showered upon little Charlie through all the passage? The Dutch mother, who had lost her boy, seemed to love the American child almost as her own; and when we sailed from the old Holland seaport she waived him tearful kisses as his small face looked back to the quaint drawbridge where she stood.

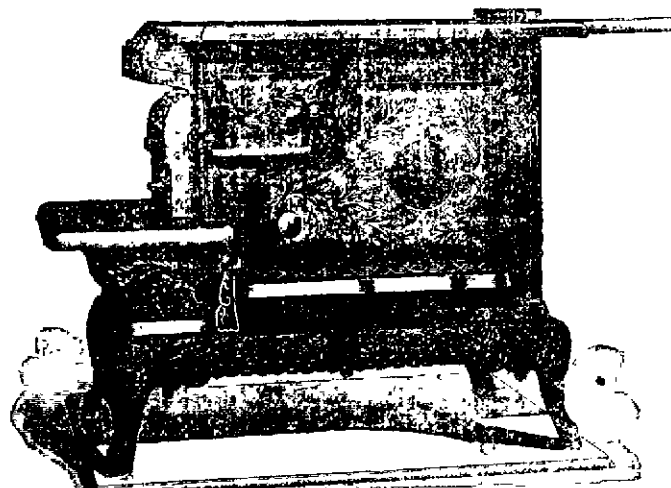
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About the Eye.

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For sale by Armstrong Bros., Druggists

John Kreager, of Urbana, has sued Todd & Murphy, sewer contractors, for \$1000 damages. The action for damages grew out of an accident that occurred in Urbana, September 22. Kreager was a laborer, at work in one of the trenches when a section caved in severely maiming him.

Something for burns, scalds, chapped hands and lips. Hoisting for cuts and sores. Instant relief for piles, stops pain at once. These are the virtues of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

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Miss Mabel Gibbs died at Wing from the measles.

Minutes seem like hours when a life is at stake. Croup gives no time to send for a doctor; delay may mean death. One Minute Cough Cure gives instant relief and insures recovery. The only harmless remedy that produces immediate results. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

Little Louise, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Scroggin, of Mt. Pleasant, severely burned her feet by stepping on the heat register when there was a glowing fire in the furnace.

A torpid liver means a bad complexion, bad breath, indigestion and frequent headaches. To avoid such companions take DeWitt's Little Early Remedy, the famous little pills. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

FASHIONABLE CLOTHES.

Small boys' reefer of kersey or chin-chilla cloth, in blue, brown, gray, red or tan, with pearl or gold buttons.

Revers of white mouseline and cloth of gold embroidered in white and light-colored pearl and crystal beads.

Evening waists consisting of a blouse front and puff sleeves of chiffon and a corselet and bolero of satin or velvet.

Very high ribbon collars overtopped by a mouseline frill that does not succeed in hiding quite all of the stock.

Corselet belts and stock collars having one side fastened under lace rosettes centered with buttons apparently jeweled.

Fur-trimmed suits having a bolero and collar of fur with rest of white satin gold-braided, covered or jabot with lace.

Turnover neck frills and squares of a latticework of baby ribbon dotted with spangles and edged with lace for the same purpose.—Dry Goods Economist.

Two Lives saved.

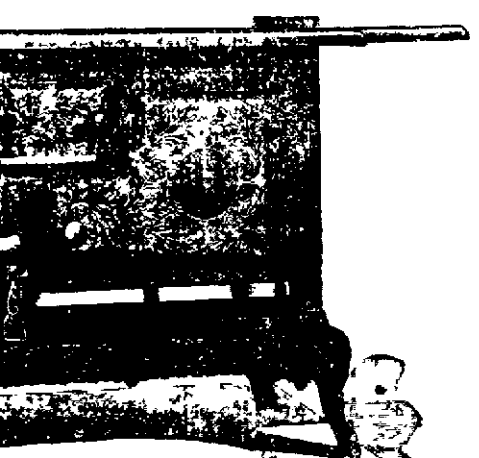
Mrs. Phoebe Thomas, of Junction City, Ill., was told by her doctors she had no chance of recovery and that there was no hope for her, but two bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery completely cured her and she says it saved her life. Mr. Thos. Eggers, 139 Florida street, San Francisco, suffered from a dreadful cold, approaching consumption, tried without result every thing else then bought one bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery and in two weeks was cured. He is naturally thankful it is such results, of which there are examples, that prove the wonderful efficacy of this medicine in Coughs and Colds. At West's Drug Store.

Trouble...

Il Goods at a Loss.

what we are doing,
we must and sell
We want money
ough to sell goods at
We mean to make
sweep of it. Talk is
ut come and get our
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s what. Never did
ple of Decatur get a
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E THE BARGAINS.

HEAP HARLEY, Reliable Clothier...



15.00 COOK STOVE.
e in Decatur and vicinity and every one of them
e has the latest improvements. Fire hood Oven Door,
and Side Shelf, Oven Door Opener, Nickel Towel Rod
at a stove that is as good as many stoves sold for \$5.00
r, every stove fully warranted.

Bros. & Martin Co.
CK EAST OF MILLIKIN BANK.

Antines
Are Ripe.

ck. BIG CROP THIS YEAR. Big crop
and they are CHEAPER THAN EVER.
ill be short, so come quick.

W'S BOOK STORE
THE HEADQUARTERS.

, Clean Stock—No Old Chestnuts.

illard,
FUNERAL
DIRECTOR.

ATE BLOCK, NORTH MAIN ST.,
to the funeral business is furnished and attended in the highest
right will receive prompt attention. In connection a receiving vault
street. Residence Telephone 125. Office, 125.

Illinois Farmers' Institute Meeting.
The Wabash railroad will sell excursion
tickets to Springfield, Ill., at the rate of
one and one third fare for the round trip,
from all stations in Illinois from which
regular passenger tickets are sold, Feb. 23
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to return inclusive good returning not later
than Feb. 27.

The general assembly appreciating
the great benefits resulting from the hold-
ing of Farmers' institutes, passed a law
creating the Illinois Farmers' Institute
for the purpose of developing a greater in-
terest through said organization in the
better cultivation of crops, in the care and
feeding of the most profitable type of do-
mestic animals in extending dairy, bus-
bandry, pruning horticulture, directing
attention to the importance of farm
drainage, stimulating the spirit of im-
provement in the construction of public
roads and in discussing the best methods
of general farm management.

The date farmers and live stock breed-
ers will be greatly benefited by attending
the Illinois Farmers' Institute meeting to be
held at Springfield Feb. 23, 24, 25 and
26, 1897.—10 d&w

DYEING AND FINE DRY CLEANING.
We will do dyeing and fine dry
cleaning at reduced prices for the
next thirty days. Now is the time to
have your suits of clothes or over-
coats dyed, cleaned and pressed by
first-class, practical dyers and dry
cleaners. You get the best work done
in the city at Miller's Steam Dye
House and Dry Cleaning Works, 145
North Main street.

All the different forms of skin
troubles from chapped hands to eczema
and indolent sores can be readily
cured by DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve,
the great pile cure. A. J. Stoner & Son,
Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone

About the Eye.
For people with sore eyes, weak,
watery eyes, and red and inflamed eyes,
caused by catarrh or other rise, the
Brazilian palm is a priceless boon. Put
15 or 20 drops of Balm into a spoonful
of warm water and bathe the eyes well
night and morning, getting some of the
solution into the eyes. The relief and
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Old People.
Old people who require medicine to
regulate the bowels and kidneys will
find the true remedy in Electric Bitters.
This medicine does not stimulate and
contains no whiskey or other intoxicant,
but acts as a tonic and alterative. It
acts mildly on the stomach and bowels,
increasing strength and giving tone to the
organs, thereby aiding Nature in the
performance of the functions. Electric
Bitters is an excellent appetizer and aids
digestion. Old people find it just ex-
actly what they need. Price fifty cents
and \$1 per bottle at West's drug store.

Charles Oehmke, of Champaign, has
traded his store building there to C. L.
Wilbrite, of Bloomington, for 160 acres
in Lawrence county.

A weed in the garden can be easily
destroyed when it first starts. Con-
sumption can be nipped in the bud by
One Minute Cough Cure. A. J. Stoner &
Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

Diagnosis of Grippe.
True grippe is a germ disease. These
germs are in the circulation and per-
vade every tissue and organ of the body.
This brings speedy collapse and often
death to the aged and debilitated. The
only germicide known that searches
out and destroys every germ in the
system is Brazilian Balm. A week or
ten days' treatment effects a complete
cure.

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WEIGAND'S
....SAMPLE ROOM....
227 North Main Street.

Fine Wines and Liquors.
FAUST
Beer on Draught and for Table Use.

Free Music all the time by the Grapho-
phone. Come and hear it.

RUG WEAVING.
Ladies, bring your old Ingran or
Brussels Carpets to Charles Pfister's
Carpet and Rug Factory and have them
woven into new rugs. We also weave
Rag Rugs. Call and see what they look
like. We also weave and sell Rag and
Yarn Carpets.

CHAS. PFISTER,
South Side Lincoln Square, 2d Floor.

Master in Chancery's Sale.
STATE OF ILLINOIS, ss. In the Circuit
Court,
MAON COUNTY.

Mattie E. Sparks, Complainant vs. Margaretta
Sparks et al., Defendants.—10 d&w

Public notice is hereby given that in pursu-
ance of a decree of the circuit court of Macon
county in the case of the above entitled cause,
the said state of Illinois entered in the above
entitled cause at the January Term of said court
A. D. 1897, I, James J. Finn, Master in Chan-
cery of said court, will on

Wednesday, March 10th, 1897,
at 2 o'clock p. m. of said day at the north door
of the court house on East Wood street in the
City of Decatur, in said county offer for sale at
public vendue to the highest and best bidder
cash in hand subject to redemption according
to law a real estate said decree ordered to be
sold, being described as follows, to-wit:

Commencing at the west end of the southeast cor-
ner of Lot 12 in Block 2 of S. R. Thompson's 2d
Addition to the City of Decatur, thence north
100 feet parallel with the east line of said lot
thence west 20 feet thence south 150 feet thence
east 20 feet to the place of beginning in Macon
county Illinois.

Dated at Decatur, Illinois, this 15th day of
February, 1897.
JAMES J. FINN Master in Chancery
M. E. Sparks, Complainant's Solicitor.
Feb. 16 d&w

ST. NICHOLAS HOTEL.
CHAS. LAUX, Proprietor.
South Side Lincoln Square, Decatur, Ill.

WE FIND
Our Stock Too Large

For the season. Will name
prices that will make them go
this week, rain or shine.

Will close all of our Embroid-
eries below cost—from one cent a
yard up.

Will cut the prices on all of our
new and beautiful Laces, just out
of the custom house.

Large lines of New Lace Col-
lars and Ruchings, the short back
kind.

Also New Veilings, finest line
we have ever shown.

All go in this sale at Cut
Prices. Don't miss this
opportunity.

S. G. HATCH
& BRO.
151 EAST MAIN ST.

In Baking
so much depends on the flour that
you can't afford to be without

Pillsbury's Best

Makes more bread, makes
whiter bread, makes better
bread.
Ask for Pillsbury's Best and Get It.

R. H. OLIPHANT,
No. 325 East Main Street.
New Quarters with a Neat Barber Shop and
the latest improvements. Phone 150.

CHAS. PERKINS
Will Cut Hair for
When you want a Wagon ring up old phone 452

PROPOSALS.
The undersigned, agent of the estate of M.
P. Alvord deceased, will receive proposals
for the entire stock of goods consisting of hard-
ware, crockery, stoves, tinware, tinners' tools,
etc., up to March 1, 1897. The stock is clean
and desired the building can be rented for the
coming season or can be purchased reasonable.
Macon Hill, Jan. 15, 1897.
W. H. BROOKS, Assignee.

Administrator's Notice.
Estate of Perry Holman deceased.
The undersigned having been appointed ad-
ministrator of the estate of Perry Holman late
of the County of Macon and State of Illinois
deceased hereby gives notice that he will at
the court house in Decatur at the April term,
on the first Monday in April next at which
time all persons having claims against said es-
tate are notified and requested to attend for the
purpose of having the same adjusted. All per-
sons indebted to said estate are requested to
make immediate payment to the undersigned.
Dated this 15th day of February, 1897.
DAVID T. HOLMAN, Administrator.
Feb. 16 d&w

ASSIGNEE'S NOTICE.
In the County Court of Macon county State of
Illinois—in the matter of the estate of Edwin
R. Spencer.
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned
has been appointed assignee of Edwin R. Spencer
deceased, and that he will at the court house in
Decatur at the April term, on the first Mon-
day in April next at which time all persons
having claims against said estate are notified
and requested to attend for the purpose of hav-
ing the same adjusted. All persons indebted to
said estate are requested to make prompt
payment of the same.
Dated this 15th day of January, 1897.
J. W. DIMOCK, Assignee.
Jan. 26 d&w

ILLINOIS CENTRAL R. R.
Excursion rates to St. Louis and return every
Saturday and Sunday. One fare round trip.
Ticket good going Saturday afternoon and re-
turning Monday morning.
Winter tourist rates are now on to points
south and southwest.
Settlers' Half Fare rates to points south every
1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month. Tickets
good for 15 days. Daily train for Chicago and
St. Louis—Solid Daily train.
City Ticket Office removed from 100 Library
Block to 121 East Main street, directly across
the street. Telephone, New No. 33 Old No.
430. Union Depot Telephone No. 47, New
Broadway.

P. D. & E. EXCURSIONS.
Sunday excursion rates to all points on the P.
D. & E. line. Tickets good re-
turning on day of sale.
Winter tourist rates now on to points south
and southwest. One fare round trip. Tickets
good for 15 days. Only one left.
First and third Tuesday of each month. Very
low. Good connections at Peoria for Iowa Ne-
braska and Colorado points at Mattoon with
Big Four for Cincinnati, Cleveland and
Chicago and eastward. For Evansville for all south
and eastward points.
City Ticket Office removed from 100 Library
Block to 121 East Main street, directly across
the street. New phone No. 28 Old No. 430.
Union Depot phone No. 47. New
Call on or address W. L. Smith, Union Depot,
or T. F. Smith, 121 East Main street.

VANDALIA LINE EXCURSIONS.
The Vandalia Pennsylvania street line to
Washington D. C. Reduced rates to the inau-
guration of March 4. A. D. 1897. Tickets
good for 15 days. Washington 1.25 a. m. only
one left out—254 hours.
Mardi Gras at New Orleans. Rates 1 and 2
cents. Announcements made in due season.
All of Mexico via the Central route. Under
the auspices of the American Tourist. South-
west and south. Pullman tourist sleeper every
Wednesday and Friday. Tickets 75¢. Tickets
include all expenses, railway sleeping and
dining car fares, hotels, carriages, etc.
California. New Orleans. Pullman buffet
sleeper every Tuesday and Saturday night from
Chicago connecting with the Southern Pacific's
San Jose Limited for Los Angeles and San
Francisco. Pullman tourist sleeper every Wed-
nesday and Friday without change from Chicago
to San Francisco.
On the first and third Tuesdays of each
month one-way tickets to points south
and southwest at very low rates.
Winter tourist rates now on to points south
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Principal winter resorts in the south and south
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Homeseekers' excursions to principal points
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We are authorized to announce LARRY H. MARTIN as a candidate for Collector, subject to the action of the Republican township convention.

LOCAL NEWS.

Denz, Tailor, 117 North Water St.

Baby cough syrup at Irwin's.

Smoke the Little J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Kook.

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 23-dtf

Irwin's vegetable pills cure biliousness.

Remember the grand masque ball at the Turner hall, Feb. 17.—9-dtf

Smoke the famous Leda, a fine 10 cent cigar, made by John Weigand. Feb 25 tf.

Irwin's Iron tonic bitters cures indigestion and nervous exhaustion.

Don't fail to attend the Baptist Sunday school concert, Feb. 16. It will be a treat; 10c and 15c.—13-d3t

Russian corn cures gives the best satisfaction; for sale by L. N. Irwin & Co.

Take the Vandavia-Pennsylvania for Washington, D. C.; reduced rates for the inauguration.

Smoke the Little J., a fine hand made, Sumatra wrapper—5 cent cigar.

Do you want any Cracker Meal? Call up Telephone 344.

11-d6 Pearl Oyster & Fish Co.

Go to W. C. Pluck, No. 109 East North street, for your spring wall paper. All new goods.—15-d6t

The Turner hall will be open on Monday and Tuesday evening until 10 o'clock for the accommodation of those who wish to rent costumes.—15-d3t

The young men who are to take part in the minstrel show to be given on the evening of Feb. 23, are rehearsing every evening at the home of Mrs. K. Harwood.

The Turner hall will be open on Monday and Tuesday evening until 10 o'clock for the accommodation of those who wish to rent costumes.—15-d3t

In the county court today James S. Wright who had served out his sentence to the county jail for larceny, and could not pay the fine and court costs, scheduled under a poor person, and was ordered under the law to be discharged.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh That Contain Mercury.

as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is tenfold to the good you can possibly derive from them.

Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free.

Sold by Druggists, price 75c per bottle.

Hall's Family Pills are the best.

To Stop a Cold in 30 Minutes.

Take Contra-Cold Tablets, guaranteed or money refunded by all druggists, 20c.



S. S. JACK IN CHARGE

The Assignee Will Settle the Michael Eichinger Affairs.

SENSIBLE ADJUSTMENT IN COURT.

Mrs. Eichinger in the Compromise Secures Her Dower Interest and Conservator Attorneys Will Receive \$1500 in Fees—Litigation Stopped.

Readers of the Republican are more or less familiar with the intricacies of the Michael Eichinger assignment case, in which property valued at about \$100,000 is involved. The people know that Mr. Eichinger being financially embarrassed made an assignment of all his property for the benefit of his creditors and that Mrs. Eichinger joined him in signing the deed of assignment, thus surrendering her dower interest, the full force of which seems from subsequent proceedings she did not realize at the time. Then she thought that there would be considerable property left after the payment of all bills. She discovered that she was mistaken, that it appeared that there would be little if anything left for her and her daughters. S. S. Jack was appointed assignee and he qualified by filing an acceptable bond. In the meantime proceedings were commenced in the county court for the appointment of a conservator for Mr. Eichinger, it being alleged in the petition that he was a spendthrift and a distracted person. The hearing was had and the finding was in favor of the petitioner, J. W. Race was appointed conservator and he qualified. Then came the clash of authority between the assignee and the conservator, resulting finally in injunction proceedings which came up for a hearing in the circuit court at the September term. A jury heard the evidence and submitted a verdict that appeared to place the litigation in further complication. On the general issue the verdict was in favor of Conservator Race and on the special interrogatories Assignee Jack found consolation and hope. It was necessary for the court to pass upon the verdict and unravel it if he could. There was a delay until the January term began and since then the matter has been hanging fire, occasioned mainly by the attorneys on both sides in the interest of Mrs. Eichinger and the creditors working with a view of effecting a compromise to stop endless litigation and expense.

The Settlement.

It was the desire of Judge Vail that the whole affair be settled to the best interest of everybody concerned. He advised an adjustment of the case and waited patiently for the parties to reach an agreement. In court this forenoon the end of all litigation was reached and a decree was granted, placing Assignee Jack in full charge of the Eichinger property; granting Mrs. Eichinger her dower interest, and directing the assignee to pay \$1500 in attorneys' fee to the firms of Crea, Ewing & Walker, David Hutchinson and Leforge & Lee. The assignee will settle with Mills Bros. and W. C. Johns, who appeared for the assignee at the trials.

Judge Vail took occasion to compliment the attorneys on the sensible settlement of the contentious and said in short that the arrangement reached met with his hearty approval. Attorney Hutchinson added that he felt that the right thing had been done inasmuch as there was a prospect that in the event of probable entanglements and litigation the major portion of the estate would be swallowed up in court costs and attorneys' fees.

Mills Bros. will write up the decree. Attorney E. S. McDonald and Alex McIntosh were called upon to examine the files in the case and fix the amount of the attorneys' fees. Both agreed that in view of the amount of the property at stake and the work of the lawyers at the trials, together with the importance of the final adjustment, the amount, \$1500, was about right.

Assignee Jack now has full charge of all the Eichinger property. He will proceed in statutory form to close up the estate and settle all just claims, at the same time preserving the dower interest of Mrs. Eichinger.

A FATAL LEAP.

Lineman Frazee Jumps Forty-Five Feet to Save Himself and is Fatally Injured.

W. S. Frazee, who worked in Decatur for some time while the Postal Telegraph company was putting in its lines and who formed many acquaintances while here who kindly remember him, met his death by a fall of forty-five feet last Friday in Kentucky. The following account of the sad accident was sent to a friend in this city:

W. S. Frazee, one of the linemen engaged in the construction of the new telegraph line from Horse Branch to Owensboro, Ky., for the Postal Telegraph company, met with a very distressing accident which resulted fatally. At Reynolds station at 10 o'clock Friday morning Mr. Frazee was walking behind a hand car run by two other linemen and, when about half way across the high trestle near Reynolds he told the men on the car to hold on, that he wanted to get on and ride. About the time they had checked the car he grasped a coil of wire by which

to pull himself up. The wire was not heavy enough to hold him and as it began to slip towards him he caught hold of a barrel containing insulators to steady himself. The barrel was not of sufficient weight to hold him up and seeing that he was going to fall he made a leap for the ground, a distance of forty-five feet. His fellow workmen hurried to his assistance and carrying him to the car took him on to Deanfield, a distance of three miles. He was conscious from the time he was hurt until he died at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon, and at no time seemed to think he was seriously injured. The attending physician at Deanfield, says his right ankle was fractured and that he was paralyzed about the hips. An inquest was held at Deanfield by Coroner Hayden of Owensboro, and the jury rendered a verdict in accordance with the facts as stated above. The remains arrived in Owensboro last night over the Illinois Central and will be held until further orders have been received from his relatives at Brimton, Mich., his home. Mr. Frazee was about 30 years old and a widower, but leaves no family. He had been in the employ of the company for the past three or four years and was considered a very competent man.

Party at Monticello.

Mrs. Harry Crea will give a valentine party this evening at her home in Monticello.

Will Give a Dinner.

The ladies of the First Presbyterian church will give a dinner and supper followed by a social on the evening of Thursday, Feb. 26, at the church.

Ordered to Sell.

In the county court today Judge Hammer ordered that Assignee Ebrahan accept the bid of W. H. Starr for the W. A. Williams stock of harness. The amount offered is \$320.

The King's Daughters.

The members of the King's Daughters of the East Park chapel will hold a meeting on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Mary Hamsher, No. 1606 East Main street.

Recovering from His Injuries.

Willis Johnson, sr., who was struck by a train about a week ago and quite painfully injured, is recovering from the effects of his accident. It is not thought that he will suffer any serious results.

Found the Boy.

John Smith, of Taylorville, telephoned the police last night asking them to find his boy, George Smith, aged 9 years, supposed to be at the home of Lee Henry. George was found. He will be sent back home.

In Honor of Mrs. Hill.

Mrs. E. M. Young entertained about twenty-five ladies and gentlemen last evening at a card party at her home on West Prairie avenue. The guests played six hand euchre and the game was followed by a supper. The entertainment was in honor of Mrs. D. S. Hill, of Indianapolis, who is visiting in the city.

Lundy H. Martin for Collector.

In another column will be found the formal announcement of Lundy H. Martin as a candidate for township collector, subject to the decision of the Republican convention. Mr. Martin is so well and favorably known in the community and throughout Decatur township that he needs no introduction. He has always been a faithful and active Republican and has performed good service for party organization and success. In various societies and among the people generally, regardless of party ties, Lundy has hosts of friends who would be pleased to have him nominated, knowing full well that nomination is equivalent to election.

Matrimonial.

Miss Emma Pasley and George B. Adams, both of Moweaqua, were united in marriage at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Dedman, 560 North Main street, on Monday, Feb. 15, by Rev. D. F. Howe of the First M. E. church. The couple will reside on a farm near Moweaqua.

Miss Sallie Stevens of Decatur, and William Rushing of Taylorville, were married last week at the home of the bride's aunt, Mrs. L. N. Seaton, at Moweaqua. The couple will reside at Taylorville.

Rev. J. H. W. Jackson, a colored Methodist minister, well known in Decatur, will be married next Tuesday at Bloomington to Mrs. Al Dean. The wedding will take place at the A. M. E. church.

Salvation Army Entertainment.

At the Salvation Army hall on Merchant street tonight they are arranging a graphophone meeting.

Ensign Keast, from St. Louis, who is visiting several towns in Illinois where the army is located and who comes here with the graphophone, reports having had good audiences and interesting meetings at Alton, Jacksonville, Springfield and Mason City.

This machine reproduces selections from the U. S. Marine band of Washington, Baldwin's Cadet band of Boston. Song and banjo music by Ensign Deamling, the words and song being distinctly heard as the singer sings them. Solo by the G. Den Minstrel and a reproduction of a meeting held by the men's training home in St. Louis. There are thirty different selections, Captain Briel of the local corps is expecting a wonderful time.

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Went's Drug Store.

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Drink Cool's 25c combination coffee.

TWO MURDER TRIALS

Eddie Cook at Havana Hopes to Escape the Gallows.

MISS MINNIE BENNETT THE VICTIM.

Trial Recalls the Sad Death of a Marion Young Girl—Doctor in the Case Committed Suicide—Case at Pekin.

In the circuit court at Havana, Marion county, today before Judge Lacy, began the second trial of Eddie Cook of Logan county, for the murder of Miss Minnie Bennett, a beautiful young woman, of Marion, death occurring in May, 1895. The attorneys and all the witnesses in the case are at Havana.

A. L. Anderson, state's attorney of Logan county, will conduct the prosecution. He will be assisted by State's Attorney Murdock, of Marion county, and State's Attorney Fuller of DeWitt county. The defense will be represented by Beach & Bodnett of Lincoln, and A. J. Barr of Bloomington.

The Crime.

Eddie Cook, a young man of un-reproachable character, was indicted for the murder of Minnie Bennett by abortion in the May term of the Logan county court in 1895, and was tried in the September term following. He was convicted and was sentenced to the penitentiary for fourteen years. At this trial two important witnesses for the state, R. N. Dill and wife of Atlanta, were absent and the state asked for a continuance on that ground, but the defense were anxious for trial and admitted by written agreement that Dill and his wife would testify that they had seen Eddie Cook and Minnie Bennett in the office of Dr. B. F. Gardner, jr., of Atlanta, and by agreement this matter was to the jury. Judge Epler, who presided at the trial, allowed the state to prove the suicide of Dr. B. F. Gardner, jr., when he was summoned to appear before the grand jury. After the verdict Judge Epler granted a new trial to Cook because he made the error of allowing the evidence of Gardner's suicide, and hence the second trial.

Now the prosecution to save further expense to the county are asking a trial and the defense will probably ask for a continuance.

The presence of Dills and his wife exceedingly problematical and the prosecution may have to go to trial without their evidence or their admissions. These difficulties, as will be readily seen render another conviction exceedingly doubtful. Dills and his wife have been acting in a very mysterious manner ever since they were first wanted. The case has already cost Logan county a large sum of money.

The suicide of Dr. Gardner seriously and tragically complicated matters, and probably removed an important witness.

G. W. Smith at Pekin.

A jury has been secured at Pekin for the trial of George W. Smith for the murder of Lewis Perill, his brother in law, in July, 1895. The witnesses will not be permitted to hear each other testify in advance.

Complimentary Ball.

The complimentary ball given at Guards' Armory last night for Prof. R. B. Leonard who is in Virginia under medical treatment, was quite largely attended and netted the professor a neat sum. The members of Goodman's orchestra volunteered music and the dancers had special inspiration for tripping the light fantastic.

Rehearsal To-Night.

The management state that promptly at 7:30 this evening at the Harwood residence the circle for the minstrel performance will be formed. It is especially desired that all of the young men be in attendance promptly on time.

The musical to be given by Mrs. D. W. Hellman at her home on West Decatur street, will begin at 8 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The Best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chaps, Piles, Burns, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by E. A. West, the druggist.



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TURKS AND GREEKS.

The Sultan Believes that a Friendly Power is in the Deal.

PROSPECTS ARE FOR A BIG SCRAP.

Action of Turkish Council at Constantinople—A Few Days May Bring More Startling Developments in Europe.

Constantinople, Feb. 17.—(Copyrighted by Associated Press.)—The council of ministers has decided to leave the pacification of Crete to the powers and adopt military measures on the Greek frontier. The latter, however, is purely for defensive purposes to enable Turkey to be prepared for all eventualities. The sultan informed the ambassadors that this action was necessary in view of the aggressive attitude of Greece. The sultan expressed his satisfaction at the occupation of Crete by the powers. In spite of the peaceful outlook it is known that it required much tact on the part of ambassadors to prevail on the ports to accept the situation after the landing of Greek troops in Crete. Anti-Turkish manifestations are reported at different points in Thessaly, shots having been fired and Turkish frontier guards wounded. The sultan seems to consider that Greece would not have acted so defiantly without having at least one powerful friend behind her. This feature has had a calming effect upon the Turks who see in the abandonment of Crete to Greece possible escape from more important changes in the map of the Turkish empire.

A Warning.

Constantinople, Feb. 17.—(Copyrighted by Associated Press.)—A joint note by the commanders of the foreign warships here was sent to the Greek consul to the effect that any attack on Crete, Retimo, Heraklion or Sita will be repelled by the warships. This caused some alarm in Greek circles, but it is not believed that it signifies anything more serious than warning Christians and Greeks to cease fighting while the powers seek to reach a definite understanding regarding the future of Crete. It is still believed that the powers will sanction the Greek annexation of Crete.

May Kill the Sultan.

Constantinople, Feb. 17.—A placard was posted in the mosques demanding the sultan's death.

GROVER CONFRONTS CONDITION

His Obstinacy as to the Cuban Question Has Put Him in a Humiliating Position

Washington, Feb. 17.—Everybody is laughing at the funny position in which the highest law officers of the government have been placed in their efforts to publish the owners and officers of the filibustering steamer Three Friends. A broad grin went around the supreme court yesterday afternoon when Attorney General Harmon and his assistant, Mr. Whitney, began their argument for a writ of certiorari to transfer the case, which was decided against the government, to the court of appeals.

The government is put in the singular position of refusing to recognize the Cuban insurgents as belligerents, to say nothing of acknowledging the independence of the Cuban republic, but at the same time to secure a conviction under the neutrality laws the attorney general is forced to contend that the United States has already recognized the fact that a state of war exists in Cuba.

In view of the fact that congress has passed a resolution recognizing the Cubans as belligerents and this resolution was openly ignored and scoffed at by the president, it was funny for the attorney general, who is a member of the cabinet to come into court, as he did yesterday, and plead that the president's message to congress was to all intents and purposes a public recognition of the fact that war existed in the island of Cuba. Under the statute passed away back in 1818, following upon the war with Great Britain, is clearly intended to forbid giving aid and comfort by means of an armed force to one or two belligerents.

The president has persistently declined to acknowledge the fact that anything more than a condition of riots exists in the island of Cuba. The judge in the lower court held that, as belligerents were not recognized, the owner and master of the Three Friends could not be prosecuted for violation of the neutrality laws, that vessel at best was only attempting to evade a local customs regulation of the island of Cuba which forbade the importation of arms.

No evidence was adduced in the lower court to show that the vessel itself